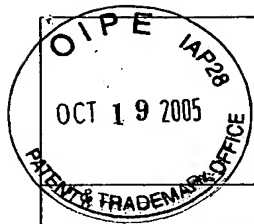


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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL
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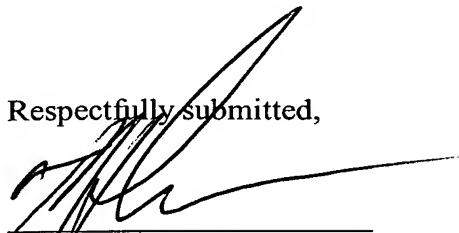
1. Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment for the above-identified application.
2. No new claim fees are believed due.
3. Applicant hereby requests a **one-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2005 which set a three-month period for response ending on September 14, 2005. The one-month extended period for response expires on October 14, 2005. Please charge the **\$120.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**:
 - A. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;
 - B. Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;

- C. Any additional patent issue fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18;
- D. Any additional document supply fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19;
- E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
- F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.

5. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

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